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HIGHLIGHTS

- 241 fires have been reported this year for a total of 73,202.5 acres. There were 5 new fire reported yesterday, 2 in Galena, 1 in the Delta Area and 2 in the Tok Area. There are 28 active fires in the state; 5 in the Tanana Zone, 4 in the Fairbanks Area, 3 in the Tok Area, 1 in the Delta Area, 4 in the Galena Zone, 1 on the Kenai Peninsula, 1 in the Southwest Area, 8 in the Upper Yukon Zone and 1 on Military Lands. All are being monitored closely. 191 fires have been human caused and 50 have been lightning caused, 9 of which have been declared Wildland Fire Use fires.
- 12 firefighters were deployed to the Kugachevik Creek Fire, one of the new fires in the Galena Zone. Helitack and 2 scoopers also responded to the fire. It is burning in tundra and white spruce, was lightning caused and is 70% contained. Demob is planned for Wednesday.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

- Alaska Interagency Coordination Center: http://fire.ak.blm.gov
 - Map of Current Fires: http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php
 - o Situation Report: http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf
- National Fire Situation: http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf
- Creating Defensible Space: http://firewise.org/ and http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/forestry/pdfs/02firewise.pdf
- Department of Transportation (Road Closure Info): (907) 451-2240, http://511.alaska.gov
- Division of Forestry, Burn Permit Info: (907) 451-2626, http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/forestry/fire/
- Department of Environmental Conservation (Smoke Concerns): http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm
- National Parks Service: www.nps.gov/akso/Fire/firehome.htm
- National Weather Service: http://www.nws.noaa.gov/
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife: http://www.fws.gov/fire/
- USDA Forest Service: http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/
- Temporary Flight Restriction Information: <u>http://airspace.nifc.gov/mapping/nifc</u>

• Federal Aviation Administration: http://www.faa.gov

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